Soap Updates by Seli Groves

A13, MY CHILDREN: Natalie survived her new home, the Adam Chandler mansion, with Trevor at his side. Skye was uncomfortable at Natalie's presence and headed for a bottle of liquor but Stuart stopped her. Billy, Clyde, posing as John Abbott, Jr., and Alan, posing as Alan Ayo, a job at Cyclops, pointing out they served no liquor so her age wouldn't be a problem. Donna allowed Emily Ann to take the job. To Erica's surprise, both Eric and Monica were not enthusiastic about her marrying Jackson. Confronted by a determined Opal, Palmer pretended he was really interested, but couldn't "do anything" because of his recent heart attack. **Wait To See:** Ozark worries about Donna's apprehensiveness over Billy Clyde.

ANOTHER WORLD: Cass and Derek dug Frankie out of the rubble and rushed her to the hospital. Iris accepted Lucas' proposal, assuming both Felicia and Jamie. Rachel was shocked when a customer gave her a card to another Odyssey shop in Pine Bay Maine, the town where Mac died. Amanda begged Evan not to tell Sam about the one night they spent together. Hurt by her rejection, Evan resigned from Cory Publishing. **Wait To See:** Iris learns a secret about Lucas that can change both their lives.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Cinnamon refused Philip's alibi for the night of Brock's murder. Kirk saved Ellie when two of Philip's men threatened her. Bruce identified Phillip's voice as the one he heard arguing with Brock. Kim was frantic when she couldn't find Andy. Emily tried to fill a prescription for a sleeping aid, and was warned by the pharmacist not to take it with "the other medicine" she's on. Tonio was stunned when Julie told him her lawyer investigated her contract at Veronica Leathers. Duane realized he'd left his wallet at Terri's place. **Wait To See:** Barbara's prior knowledge about Adam becomes a real threat to her marriage.

BOLD & THE BEAUTIFUL: Sally snuck into Stephanie's dressing room disguised as a doctor, and was thrilled to hear Stephanie say she appreciated the visit. Brooke found herself thinking about Eric's kiss. Ridge admitted to Brooke. Despite Brooke's insistence that the kiss meant nothing, Eric did it only because of his problems with Stephanie. Donna was sure her sister had deeper feelings about it. **Wait To See:** Thorne thinks of a way to keep Eric from leaving his mother.

DALLAS: As Bobby became more and more obsessed with Jeanne O'Brien, Pam's bookkie, he realized he had to make a decision about his relationship with April. James was upset when J.R. insisted on getting involved in a business deal that James had been trying to work out on his own. **Wait To See:** Clayton's reaction to the sending of the will creates suspicion.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Kayla returned to the mission stand where, under badgering by the DA, she began to go into labor. Shane revealed his pain with Kimberly only under hypnosis, but couldn't remember anything about the explosion. Isabella told Rosalie about her affair with Kotakis and how she now wanted to work against him. Kotakis was suspicious of Julie's decision to give up one of her companies to him without a takeover fight. **Wait To See:** Cal and Shane take the next step to break up Kimberly and Shane.

FALCON CREST: Despite her declaration of love to Richard and the boys, Lauren insisted she wanted to remain as independent as possible. Lance and Pilar found themselves with an unexpected chance to get back the winery. **Wait To See:** The price of success could be too much to pay.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Olivia contacted her mob friends in the belief they'd get her off Anna and Paget, face to face as Robin explained he'd come to live in Duke's old apartment and had a strange feeling about him. Decker found Lucy's photo of Ned from Green Meadows and decided to use it to break up Ned and Dawn. Robert and Kate announced they'd wed March 16 and she agreed not to give up her career. **Wait To See:** The mob has surprises for both Paget and Olivia.

GENERATIONS: Solomon told Jason and Monique that Mary bought $60 million worth of jewels and probably hid them Jessica sent the photos of Sam's modeling shots for Leather 'n Lace' to the Tattler predicting that Sam will be fired when the photos are printed. However Monique saw the mock up page first and when the issue came out it had Jessica's head on Sam's body. Doreen's suspicions were confirmed when the insurance investigator implied Martin was behind the burglary of his home. **Wait To See:** Adam learns a shocking fact about Daniel's past.

GUIDING LIGHT: Chelsea was distraught over finding her slashed dress. Roger saved Fletcher by shooting Scully, leaving Alex with blood on his hands. Chelsea collapsed at her wedding and was found to have been poisoned. She became hysterical when the "fan" called her grandmother. The police discovered the poison was in the drink Dana made for her. Nadine learned Paige left the diner to her and Frank. At the construction site, a beam was about to fall on Beth. **Wait To See:** Roger makes a shocking discovery

DEAR DIANE

by Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:

I have a problem. I am eight and a half months pregnant. The father of the baby doesn't believe that it's his. He's 24 years old, and I'm only 16. When I told him I was pregnant, he said, "Yeah, and what am I supposed to do about it?" He doesn't care about me or the baby. I am scared that after I have the baby and get over it's loss, he's going to take the baby away from me. Is there any way he can do that? How can I keep my baby? What kind of help can I receive from him? Please help.

DESPERATE

DEAR DESPERATE:

You need legal advice on this, and the best way to receive it is to first go to your local Social Services department. They will be able to counsel you and help you through this difficult time, as well as steer you in the right directions to go legally. As far as supporting the child, since paternity is established, the father of the baby will legally have to take financial responsibility.

From what you said, it doesn't sound to me as if he'd be interested in taking the child. If anything, it would appear he's trying to deny responsibility he doesn't have to take any kind of responsibility. Try to put your mind to rest about this. Good luck.

DEAR DIANE:

My husband and I have been married a little over a year. We are both in our early 30s. Recently, we discussed having children. My husband wants us to have them now, but I don't feel I'm ready. At the same time, I don't have the heart to disappoint him. He thinks I'm making an effort to get pregnant, but secretly, I'm still on the pill. I feel terrible about deceiving him, but I just don't feel I want children right now. Do you think I'm wrong? Should I give in and just get pregnant?

CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED:

I don't think deceit is the answer. These things have a way of coming out and making a situation worse as a result of the duplicity. You have to be very honest with your husband about having a baby. I think he'd probably appreciate that much more than if you continue to pretend to go along with him. Waiting another year or two is not an unreasonable request or compromise.

DEAR DEX

by Dexter Dyer

DEAR DEX:

I'm a 23-year-old mother who has three children. I moved into a new house with my husband and we're on a dead-end street. There is a neighbor who lives right down the end of my street who has a 12-year-old boy. This 12-year-old boy raped my five-year-old daughter. Now, my husband and I cannot prove it's him, and scared. We have to go by this letter every day to get out of the street, but we can't afford to move. We're waiting for court dates now. This is so hard to live with. My daughter doesn't really know what's going on, but we know. It hurts so terribly. My husband can't even work a full day without his mind wandering. I can't sit still. I'm constantly moving and cleaning, and I'm wearing myself down. Do you have any advice for this very scared family?

HELPLESS

DEAR HELPLESS:

I believe you and your family definitely need counseling to deal with this tragedy. You can get a recommendation from your family physician, clergyperson or through Social Services. With counseling you will be able to express your feelings of rage and horror and then put them behind you in order to get on with your lives.

I'm glad to see you're pursuing this legally. This 12-year-old boy is very sick and needs help. If he doesn't get it, he will only continue to hurt more people. It will get worse as he gets older. Think of that the next time you have to walk past his house. You're actually doing him and his family a favor by proving charges, not exacting revenge, so don't be intimidated.

Please write me and let me know how things have gone for you in court and in counseling. My prayers are with you.

Send letters to Dex c/o **King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.**

Top 10 Movies

1. **Born on the Fourth of July**
2. **Tremors** Kevin Bacon
3. **Internal Affairs** Richard Gere
4. **Tango and Cash** Kurt Russell
5. **War of the Roses** Kathleen Turner
6. **The Little Mermaid**
7. **Glory** Denzel Washington
8. **Roger and Me**
9. **Driving Miss Daisy** Jessica Tandy
10. **Music Box**

Coupon Corner

by Rose Lynn

Dear M.G. in Sarasota, Fla. I'm sorry you've had trouble with the Exxon rebate. One of the problems may be that you moved from New York to Florida. Most rebate offers don't sell built and they are not forwarded. I would suggest you call Exxon at their toll-free number. The number is 1-800-826-4567. Those of you in Texas, call 1-800-692-1313 and they should be able to help you.

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Popeye

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Charles King Cooper

WEEKLY TIP: Things that you have taken for granted around home have now paid for attention.

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) A small difference of opinion with a friend will be resolved satisfactorily. You're convincing now. Others will see your point of view. This should be a lucky week for you. Expand your horizons regarding career interests. Think big! Financial discussions bring luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Publishing and academic interests are favored. Talks with advisers prove fortunate. You're articulate now, and an effective spokesperson. A private chat with a loved one will bring good results. Overcome self-doubt in your ability to manage your financial affairs.

Home hints

BIRD FEEDER — The best way to fill a bird feeder is to use a paper cup. Cut the bottom out of the cup and fit the cup into the neck of the feeder. Tammy E. Minneapolis, Minn.

SILK SCARVES — To hang my silk scarves, I use the plastic loops quilted or crochet covered hangers and plastic rings about the size of a silver dollar which may be purchased at a craft shop. I then tack them across the bottom of the hangers approximately three inches apart. No more ugly creases from having them folded in the drawer. Pam K., New Orleans, La.

WRISTWATCH — In the past, I have had problems wearing a watch because of the allergic reaction I would get.

So, I put a couple of coats of clear nail polish on the back side of the watch and now I can wear it without getting a rash. Zelda V., Trenton, N.J.

CUTTING THE FUDGE — I enjoy making fudge throughout the year, and my family enjoys eating it. Making the fudge is the easy part, cutting it was more difficult. Now I use a pizza cutter and it is a snap! No mess or fuss! Louise P., Philadelphia, Pa.

TERRIBLE-TASTING STAMPS — If you hate licking the terrible-tasting stamps, do what my father does and lick the corner of the envelope. Jean L., Billings, Mont.

Share your special Home Hint with our readers. Send it to Diane Eckert, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017

DOLLARS & SENSE

Changes In Tax Laws

by Bryon Elson

1. You should file your returns on time, no matter what, even if you do not have money to pay the tax! There is one penalty for not filing and another for not paying. The penalty for not filing is imposed at 10 times the rate of the one for not paying. In 1990, taxpayers who file late or fail to file will be heavily penalized.

The penalties increases penalties for fraudulent failures to file returns. Prior law had a late filing penalty of five percent of the tax due for each month up to a maximum of 25 percent. If the failure to file is due to fraud, now it's 15 percent a month, up to 75 percent maximum.

2. You should be aware that the schedule of civil penalties arising in tax audits has been restructured. New rules offer consumers new protections. Penalties are now levied at a flat 20 percent, as opposed to being stacked one on top of each other as in the past.

3. Your tax preparer is under more pressure than in the past, and is subject to greater penalties should any wrongdoing occur. Your tax preparer should inform you about everything, including any issue that cannot be substantiated.

4. If your employer is reimbursing you for education, you can continue to exclude employer provided educational assistance from income, but only through September 30, 1990. But, since most employers do not reimburse their employees until the grade comes in, this could represent a problem for people taking courses in the fall semester.

For this year, there are new rules about what can be deducted available to those who are artists, musicians, and photographers.

6. If you list tax shelters, business use of automobiles, hobby losses, casualty losses, and barter income on your tax return, you could be audited for raised eyebrows.

7. It is permissible to exchange "property" of a "like kind" with someone who is related to you and not be taxed. For instance, if your father owns a riding stable in Connecticut, and you own one in Florida, and you switch, no one pays tax. However, if either of you disposes of the property within two years, you lose your non-recognition status.

8. Self-employed individuals may continue to deduct 25 percent of health insurance expenses until Sept. 30, 1990. This was scheduled to expire but has been extended.

9. Punitive damages from lawsuits will be considered part of gross income, unless they are part of cases involving physical injury or sickness.

10. The Supplemental surcharge premium for catastrophic illness coverage that was to be payable with 1989 tax returns is repealed. However, some people perpaid what they thought the surcharge would be when they paid their estimated taxes, and now the government has their money

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Paint & Household

by Bob D'Angelo

Q. I'm very much interested in learning the process for painting formica counter tops. Our local paint store says that formica counter tops can be painted, but the article was about a man who had ridden on his outdoor riding lawn mower there was some error, so I'm sure you can tell me again how to paint formica counter tops? Dr. Hortonville Wis.

A. I apologize for the error. There were two different questions, and you read answer A to question B. I must add they were both pretty neat questions, too, were they, answers!) Century to popular belief, formica can be painted. In fact, I painted my own kitchen counter tops a few years ago, and it still looks great. The key is in the preparation. First, the counter must be clean and dry. Without liquid underwhelming, the major problem I had conversely, its major strength) is the powerplant is a paradox; it provides stellar acceleration of 7.7 seconds 0-60 Apply a slow drying oil base primer and allow it to thoroughly dry for a few days. Try to scratch the primer with your fingernail, and if the paint peels, let it sit longer. Pain as you would any other fine house finisher that you're willing to say you rather isn't upgraded. Finishing is just adequate despite those excellent objective figures!

As mentioned earlier, shifting to a lower gear is necessary to utilize this Getrag-licensed five-speed didn't work all that well in the test car, being difficult to modulate. These quirks may be problems only with this individual unit, however, and transmission in GM products usually rates at least average.

Handling is an area in which the GTZ excels. It goes around corners using steering and brakes are excellent. The turning circle, at just over 38 feet, is just average for the class, but handling response more than makes up for this. The GTZ's tires are giant Goodyear Ult'a Ord'ectionals, one of the best.

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This Week In History

On Feb. 24, 1803, In the Marbury v. Madison case, the Supreme Court overturned a U.S. law for the first time. **Feb. 22, 1819,** Spain ceded Florida to the U.S. ... **Feb. 23, 1836,** the siege of the Alamo began ... **Feb. 22, 1879,** F.W. Woolworth opened his first five-and-10-cent store in Utica, N.Y. ... **Feb. 19, 1945,** the Marines landed on Iwo Jima ... **Feb. 20, 1962,** Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr. became the first American in orbit when he circled the earth three times in the Mercury capsule, Friendship 7 ... **Feb. 21, 1972,** President Richard Nixon arrived in Peking for an eight-day visit to China which he called a "journey for peace" ... **Feb. 22, 1973,** the U.S. and China agreed to set up permanent liaison offices in each other's country.

Speaking of Your Health

by Lester L. Coleman, M.D.

Doctors frequently hear their patients say that they tend to get sick when their resistance is low. This observation is medically valid. The whole concept of body resistance is a complicated phenomenon, playing an active part in the prevention of illness, the cure of illness, and the maintenance of good health.

Body resistance to illness and natural immunity depend on many factors. Experts in every field of medicine, genetics, chemistry, bacteriology and other modalities are intrigued by the inspiring variations of the body's defense mechanism. Scientists have been exploring for years every possibility that will enhance the body's natural reserve and resistance to disease. Rapid chilling of the body or excessive fatigue devitalizes the body's ability to resist infection. Malnutrition and severe vitamin deficiencies, endocrine or hormone and circulatory problems interfere with the body's capacity to counter bacterial invasion.

Certainly emotional disturbances, anxiety and stress are considered to be significant in lowering resistance to infection and disease. The newer knowledge of nutrition, the understanding of the relationship between the body and the mind, adequate rest and diversion, controlled exercise and the careful use of leisure all add their contribution to man's ability to body defense against infection and illness.

Unfortunately, far too many people put undue pressure on their bodies without recognizing the fact that the body has limitations and needs to revitalize its own energies. One cannot constantly expect that the body's inner reserve will always be there when called upon to combat infection or illness. The body and its organs must be respected and given the added consideration of rest when it is fortified and ready for any onslaught of infection.

Send your medical questions to Dr. Lester Coleman, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please understand that personal replies cannot be given and only questions of general interest will be answered.

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King Crossword

ACROSS
1. Nonsense
5. Sash
8. Holes
9. Mendicant
11. Cargo
12. Inclination
13. Old musical instrument
14. Brushed
15. Krazy —
17. Place of confinement
18. Monthly expenditure
20. Gravelike (slang)
22. Indian of Peru
23. Word on a marquee
26. Kill time
28. Indian hole
29. Equivocated
31. Farm measure
33. Window feature
35. Chinese word for god
36. Relation
37. Honey bear
38. Upday
39. European river
41. Manifest
43. Hockey
44. Grew high strung
45. Soccer great
46. — of Wonderful

DOWN
1. Moslem VIP
2. Deficiency
3. Word with horse or plate
4. State: associated
5. Tardy
6. Illicit love affair
7. Painter's establishments
8. Cheese
10. Garden
16. Like a ghastly
19. Treaty twist
21. Countries
24. — opera
25. Corrected
27. Russian river
30. Cross out
32. — sports
34. Unscrupled
37. Eternally
40. Dark bread
42. A pig — poke

Autotalk

by Zane Binder

CHEVROLET BERETTA

It's sleek, quick, and even has space to tote the kids to those after-school activities. It's the Beretta GTZ, the performance version of Chevrolet's bread-and-butter family car.

Inside, the front-drive Beretta GTZ is fairly well-appointed. The front bench will carry three adults for moderately long trips. The trunk is only average-size; you might want a roof rack. A word about interior design: here the Beretta's styled after the Japanese competition. It contains lots of storage nooks and crannies, and is extremely space-efficient. Instrumentation is analog, overall the interior is a step up for General Motors.

Driving the Beretta, unfortunately in the GTZ configuration was underwhelming. Its major problem is that conversely, its major strength) is the powerplant is a paradox; it provides stellar acceleration of 7.7 seconds 0-60 and fuel economy with unleaded premium of 23 city and 30 highway, truly GTZ, Torque is adequate, but almost all its horsepower is concentrated at the very top of the RPM band. Around town, it has enough gumption for normal driving, but unless you downshift two or three gears, its "performance" objective figures!

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Antiques and Collecting

by Ralph & Terry Kovel

PIANO PRECURSORS

Although the pianoforte was not invented until the 18th century, it had several earlier ancestors. The first keyboard instruments date back to the Middle Ages. One type was the clavichord. When one pressed the key, a brass plate at the back of the key struck a string, making a tone. The harpsichord was a later instrument, in which strings were plucked by quills or small leather pieces activated by the keys. Organ pipes were also used.

Elaborate wooden cases were made to hold the instruments, especially in Italy, England and France. The harpsichord case was made in a shape required by the strings, and the familiar shape is still used for a grand piano. Few keyboard instruments made before 1850 can be found outside museums. Even antique pianos are difficult to find. It is especially difficult to keep them in good playing condition because of the central heating and air-conditioning used today.

Q. My ceramic wall mask pictures a lady with a hat and scarf. It is signed "Lenci" on the back. I know about the dolls made by Lenci, but did the same company make porcelains?

A. Yes. The felt, wooden and composition dolls made by the Italian dollmaking firm are well known. The Lenci trademark was registered after World War I. In the 1920s the company made art deco-inspired ceramic figurines and wall masks. They are just beginning to interest collectors.

Q. What are lustres?

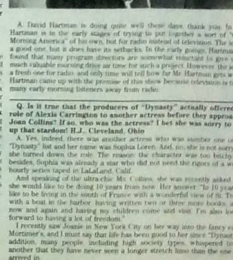
A. Lustres or lusters were popular mantel decorations in Victorian times. Two or three candlesticks were used in a set. They were probably named for the glass prisms in a central part of the candle holders. Lustre: Candlesticks or vases were made with a fringe of hanging prisms. The darker rooms of the Victorian years were often decorated with shining glass objects that reflected light. Lusters positioned above a burning fire would add light to a room.

TIP: "A stitch in time" is good advice. Always repair a tear in a quilt immediately to avoid further damage.

Flick Picks

by Debbie Fletcher

Mini-Reviews



BACK TO THE FUTURE PART II — This long-awaited sequel to the 1985 hit is a big disappointment. **Michael J. Fox** is back again as time traveler Marty McFly, and once again, he's transported into the future. This time, he's tangling with Biff Tannen and his descendant, Biff Tannen (**Christopher Lloyd**). The problem with this film is that it can't seem to stick to any one idea. It bounds from time period to time period with the rapidity of a blinking eye, and consequently makes little or no sense at all. In fact, the movie comes off as just one big commercial for the sequel. **Rated: PG. Star Rating: ★½.**

GLORY — Personally, I believe this movie should be required for all students of history. While most of us know the basics of the Civil War, few know about the units of black soldiers who contributed to the war effort. This movie explores that issue, with **Matthew Broderick** starring as an idealistic young officer assigned to lead the first black fighting unit into battle. The valiant group encounters much prejudice with a troop of hanging forges ahead to make its mark on history. The cinematography is outstanding, as is the powerful sense of admission simply on its merits alone. I highly recommend this film. **Rated: R. Star Rating: ★★★.**

Entertainment Extra by Evelyn

Q. Is it true that the character of Reuben, portrayed by Clayton Prince, on "Another World," is going to be leaving the NBC soaper now that Kasi Lemmons (Tess) is departing from Bay City for good? And why is Kasi leaving the show? E.S. Wallingford, Conn.

A. Kasi Lemmons is leaving "AW" because she was a non-contract player on the show and she is now moving onto Los Angeles to further her promising acting career. Clayton Prince is not leaving the show. In fact, his character of Reuben is now going to be a major character on the hit NBC soap with a very intriguing new story line in the works. So stay tuned!

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Q. I'm sure that the producers of "Dynasty" actually altered the role of Alexis Carrington to another actress before they approached Joan Collins! If so, who was the actress? I bet she was sorry to pass up that stardom! H.J., Cleveland, Ohio

A. Yes, indeed, there was another actress who was another one on the "Dynasty" list and her name was Sophia Loren. And, no, she is not sorry that she turned down the role. The reason: the character was too bitchy, and besides, Sophia was already a star who did not need the rigors of a weekly soap with a very intriguing new story line in the works. So stay tuned!

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Q. My friends and I love Jerry O'Connell who plays the boy who can fly on "My Secret Identity." Is there anything you can tell us about him? Thanks. Elda V., Nashville, Tenn.

A. O'Connell, who plays Andrew on the syndicated series, was the drummer and singing voice in Bob Reiner's movie, "Band by Me." Now drumless, but still charming, O'Connell keeps busy doing the series in Toronto going to school, and gigging on talk shows in New York where he lives when he's not filming. He likes sports — including surfing, boogie boarding, sailing, windsurfing, and fencing — music, hanging out with his friends, and, like Andrew, has begun to notice and appreciate girls.

Jerry started acting at age 6. He's done theater and appeared in several important TV shows including "The Equalizer" Hallmark's Hall of Fame productions of "The Room Upstairs" and "Charles vs. Charge."

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Q. Answers to the following two questions will once again bring peace to my circle of friends. 1 say Paul Newman is Italian, and that Peter Strauss is Italian, and that Peter Strauss is (b son of Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. Can you please verify or enlighten me on this? Naomi F., Foster City, Calif.

A. Paul Newman may have a classic Roman profile, and may have made his first movie wearing a Roman tunic, but he's not Italian. His ancestry is WASP and Jewish.

Efrem Zimbalist has one daughter, Stephanie.

Flash Gordon

Facts du jour

35-to 49-year-olds take the cake

Percentage of each age group likely to order dessert at a table-service restaurant at lunch.

SOURCE: National Restaurant Association Gallup Survey, 1989

Survey of U.S. blacks

Here are two trends from a new Census Bureau report on black Americans.

Blacks living in the South

Educational attainment

Percent of those with four years of high school or more education

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau